

As you may know, the federal law is the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** or **Special Education**.

The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) authorizes the following types of federal grants:

- [formula grants](#)
- [discretionary grants](#)
- [technical assistance and dissemination](#)
- [parent-training and information centers](#)

The [Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004](#) was signed into law.

- The **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)** program is a federal program that requires states to:

(1) assuring the availability and accessibility of required health care resources; and

(2) helping Medicaid recipients and their parents or guardians effectively use these resources.

- These components enable Medicaid agencies to manage a comprehensive child health program on their own.

- Visit <http://ftp.hrsa.gov/mchb/epsdt/require.pdf> for eligibility requirements, and <http://ftp.hrsa.gov/mchb/epsdt/background.pdf> for background information.

State Resources

- In Pennsylvania, the Department of Education is charged with ensuring that all children of Pennsylvania have access to a free and appropriate public education. If you feel this remedy

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/special_edu/lib/special_edu/Complaint_packet_Revised_Info_portion_1-08-07_CH.pdf

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- The Department of Education's Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR) is an organization that evaluates educational disputes. **IEP facilitation** is an option that is available when both school officials and parents agree to it.

- **Mediation** is another option available through ODR. In the mediation program a special mediator helps the parties reach a mutually agreeable resolution.

- In **due process** hearings, a hearing officer reviews materials related to the dispute. http://www.pde.state.pa.us/special_edu/site/default.aspx

- The **Pennsylvania Parent Guide to Special Education for School Age Children**
[an.net/files/parent/SchAgeParentGuide.pdf](http://pattan.net/files/parent/SchAgeParentGuide.pdf)
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- 200 Anderson Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 265-7321
(800) 441-3215
www.pattan.net
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- The State Agency which provides **Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS)** "Wraparound" is a non-profit organization. [wraparoundpa.us/servicesprograms/autism/help/003676342.htm](http://www.wraparoundpa.us/servicesprograms/autism/help/003676342.htm)
medically necessary

- There are similarities between wraparound services and education services. However there are important differences.
- Wraparound services, or **"wraparound services"**, are designed to be used exclusively with the purpose of addressing the needs of the child and family. **Wraparound services are not intended to replace or substitute for other services.**
- Wraparound staff are hired and trained for the sole purpose of supporting the needs of the child and family.
- Long-term goals are addressed with quarterly **Subjective Director Behavioral Team** and **Parental Team** meetings.

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- DELAWARE COUNTY MH/MR PROGRAM
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- The following Department of Public Welfare offices administer federal funds for these programs. T

- **Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)** - mission is that every pers
<http://www.dhs.gov/omhsas>
- Joan L. Erney, J. D.
Deputy Secretary
P. O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675
717-787-6443

- **Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)** of Mental Retardation (OMR) (<http://www.dhs.gov/omr/about/odp/>) - mission
- Kevin Casey
Deputy Secretary
P. O. Box 2675
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717-787-3700

- The **Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP)** ([http://www Programs \(OMAP\) / About/OMAP /](http://www Programs (OMAP) / About/OMAP /)) administers the joint state/federal Medical Assistance program.

Assistance Offices

- Mike Nardone
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P. O. Box 2675
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1-866-542-3015
- For more information call <http://www.DEPWelfareHelpLine.htm> 1-800-692-7462 or visit <http://www.DEPWelfareHelpLine.htm>
- For children who “age out” at age 21, contact the above Department of Public Welfare agencies for information.
- If a child is disabled before age 22, s/he may qualify for disabled child benefits from Social Security Administration. See <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/childbenefits/>
- Also, for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare website containing information for persons with disabilities, visit <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PhysicalDisabilities/>. You can also find help <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PhysicalDisabilities/> and <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PhysicalDisabilities/> **Long Term Living** **contact DPW**

Local/Non-Government Resources

- Work closely with the **Supervisor of Special Education** at child's school, and **Intermediate Unit**.

- **Delaware** **County** **Intermediate Unit**

EducationService Center
200 Yale Avenue
Morton, PA 19070
610-938-9000
Fax 610-938-9887
info@dciu.org
www.dciu.org

- **Chester County Intermediate Unit**
Educational ServiceCenter
455 Boot Road
Downingtown PA 19335
484-237-5000
Fax: 484-237-5154
www.cciu.org

- **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit**
1605 West Main Street
Norristown, Pa 19403
610-539-8550
Webmaster@mciu.org
www.mciu.org

- Local support and assistance programs.
- **Parent Education Network (PEN)** (www.parentednet.org , 1-800-522-5827) – is an o
- **Parent-to-Parent of Pennsylvania** (1-800-727-2706) - matches parents of children with special needs to sup
- **Parents Local Task Force** (Delco Chairperson Sandy Wadsworth, 484-494-5984) provides advocacy s
- **The ARC of Philadelphia** (www.arcpddc.org , 215-229-4550 Delaware Coun

- **Parent Involved Network (PIN)** (www.pinofpa.org , 1-800-688-4226) - provides support
- **Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)** - is the nation's largest
- School districts often have support groups for children and families involved with special education
- The **National Association of the Deaf (NAD)** in 1880 by deaf leaders who believe
- Contact your county MH/MR office and request wraparound services. Your child must be found eligible

Legal Resources

- **Education Law Center (ELC)** (www.elc-pa.org 215.238.)
- Making sure that all children have access to school and school programs. We work to eliminate practices
- Providing families (and those who work with them) reliable, understandable information about education
- Improving schools. We work with local and statewide groups on getting more funding for our needs
- <http://www.elc-pa.org/pubs/downloads/english/fsc-Complaint%20Process%20for%20Residency%20Disputes%2008-08.pdf>
- The mission of the **Disability Rights Network (DRN)** in Pennsylvania is to advance, protect, and advocate
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